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SUBJ: VISIT OF BOLIVIAN PRES

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BEGIN SUMMARY. BOLIVIAN PRES HUGO BANZER AND HIS PARTY ARRIVED ON JULY 16 AND WERE CORDIALLY GREETED AT EL DORADO AIRPORT BY PRES PASTRANA AND HIGH COLOMBIAN GOVT OFFICIALS. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE TWO PRESIDENTS WILL BE LARGELY DEVOTED TO ANDEAN PACT MATTERS THE TWO PRESIDENTS AND WILL ISSUE A JOINT STATEMENT AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE VISIT. PRESS COVERAGE HAS BEEN EXTENSIVE AND FRIENDLY. END SUMMARY

1. THE PRES OF BOLIVIA, GENERAL UGO BANZER ARRIVED IN COLOMBIA AT 12:15 PM ON MON JULY 16 ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE THREE SONS THE MINS OF COMMUNICATIONS, LABOR AND AGRICULTURE , THE COMDR OF THE BOLIVIAN ARMY AND OTHER OFFICIALS.

2. PRES AND MRS PASTRANA AND OTHER HIGH GOVT OFFICIALS WELCOMED
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GEN BANZER AND FOLLOWING THE USUAL MIL HONORS BOTH PRESIDENTS

MADE BRIEF ADDRESSES AT THE AIRPORT. BOTH PRESIDENTS EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ANDEAN PACT AND LATIN AMERICAN SOLIDARITY IN THEIR REMARKS, IN ADDITION TO THE USUAL EXPRESSIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND REFERENCES TO COMMON HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL TRADITIONS.

3. PRES BANZER WAS FETED ON THE EVENING OF HIS ARRIVAL AT A DINNER IN THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE. HE WILL MEET WITH PRES PASTRANA DURING HIS VISIT TO DISCUSS ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS ANDEAN PACT MATTERS. THE TWO PRESIDENTS WILL ISSUE A JOINT STATEMENT WHICH WE WILL REPORT BY AIRGRAM.

4. THE LOCAL PRESS HAS DEVOTED EXTENSIVE NEWS AND EDITORIAL COVERAGE TO THE VISIT MOSTLY FAVORABLE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE PUBLICATION OF A LETTER SIGNED BY WELL KNOWN COLOMBIAN INTELLECTUALS IN THE LIBERAL PARTY EL TIEMPO PROTESTING TORTURE AND REPRESSION IN BOLIVIA.
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